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HAMBURG MAN ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

BUFFALO, N.Y.—U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Jeremy Marsillo, 29, of Hamburg, N.Y., was arrested and charged by Criminal Complaint with receipt of child pornography. The charge carries a mandatory minimum penalty of five years in prison, a maximum of 20 years and a fine of \$250,000.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Aaron J. Mango, who is handling the case, stated that the investigation began when the Hamburg Police Department obtained a SIM card belonging to the defendant. A review of the card revealed images of child pornography, including graphic images involving toddlers. During a subsequent interview, the defendant admitted that he received the images of child pornography over the internet.

A detention hearing has been scheduled for June 18, 2012 at 10 a.m., before Magistrate Judge H. Kenneth Schroeder, Jr.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The Complaint is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under the

direction of James C. Spero, Special Agent-In-Charge; and the Town of Hamburg Police Department, under the direction of Chief Michael Williams.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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